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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Eugene Shknovich et al.

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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR STRUCTURE-BASED DRUG DESIGN
THAT INCLUDES ACCURATE PREDICTION OF BINDING FREE
ENERGY**

Examiner: Cheyne Ly

Art Unit: 1631

Reply

Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2003.

Claims 1-4 are currently pending in the application. Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's bases for rejection of the application and set forth the following that traverses these rejections, thereby placing the present application in condition for allowance.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.